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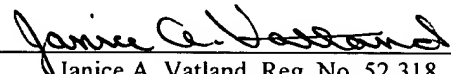
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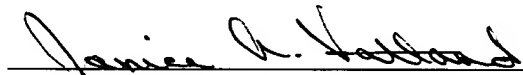
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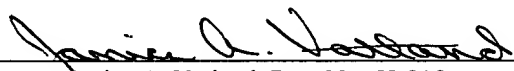
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 18, 2003, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following election.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 28, 29, 31, 35, 45, 95 and 117-139, drawn to a method for determining ethanol intake, classified in class 436, subclass 132).

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected to prosecute Group II with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of the claims of Groups I and II would not constitute an undue burden on the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicant notes that the claims of Group I (claims 1, 4-9, 10, 19, 58, 68, 78, 96-116 and 140-169, drawn to a method for identifying a chronic alcoholic/binge drinker) are classified in the same

class and subclass as the claims of Group II (class 436, subclass 132), thus indicating that the claims of Group I and II are indeed so closely related that they are given this same classification.

Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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